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FIFTH IBRD LOAN

REF: A. SEOUL 4824, JULY 25, 1975
B. STATE A-9745, NOVEMBER 27, 1973

FOLLOWING UPDATES PROJECT INFORSUBMITTED REFTTEL A

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: KOREAN NATIONAL RAILWAY (KNR) WILL CONTINUE MODERNIZATION OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH PURCHASE OF NEW FREIGHT CARS, PASSENGER COACHES, SPARE PARTS FOR DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:

MR. BANG, SUK KI
CHIEF
OVERSEAS COOPERATION DIVISION
KOREAN NATIONAL RAILROAD
SEOUL, KOREA

3. COST & FINANCING: ROKG HAS RECEIVED A PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FROM IBRD FOR DOLS ONE HUNDRED AND TWO MILLION LOAN.
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4. EXPECTED BID DATES: ESTIMATED DATE FOR ROKG ISSUE OF TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT IS LATTER PART OF 1975.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES: IEQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED FOR SUBJECT PROJECT INCLUDES: 1,500 FREIGHT CARS (400 BOY CARS, 600 HOPPER CARS, AND 500 GONDOLA CARS), 200 PASSENGER CARS (2 ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING CARS, 2 DINING CARS, 32 SPECIAL PASSENGER CARS WITH AIR CONDITIONING, 14 SPECIAL PASSENGER CARS WITH SELF GENERATING POWER, AND 150 ORDINARY PASSENGER COACHES), VARIOUS SPARE PARTS FOR DIESEL ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES AND (GMC - ESTIMATED VALUE DOLS SIX POINT EIGHT MILLION), WHEELS, AXLES AND BEARINGS FOR 500 FREIGHT CARS (ESTIMATED VALUE DOLS THREE POINT FOUR MILLION), WHEELS, AXLES AND BEARINGS FOR 50 PASSENGER CARS (ESTIMATED VALUE DOLS FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND), WRECKING CRANE (CAPACITY - 100 TONS), MACHINERY FOR LINE SHOPS AND RUNNING SHEDS - WHEEL LATH, VERTICAL LATH, BORING MACHINE, AIR HAMMER, TIRE HEATER, FORK LIFT 2 TON, GRINDER, HACK SAW MACHINE, BOLT ROLLING MACHINE, PUNCHING MACHINE, AIR COMPRESSOR - 100 HP, HOIST - 2 TON, WHEEL PRESS - 400 TONS, BENCH DRILL, OVERHEAD CRANE, GANTRY CRANE, 30,000 TONS OF RAIL (110 POUND RAIL), PORTAL CRANE FOR YARD, PORTAL CRANE FOR TRACK, ON/OFF TRACK EXCAVATOR, HEAVY DUTY TRACK MOTOR CAR AND 5,900 TONS OF BRIDGE GIRDERS.

6. POST COMMENTS: KNR IS A GOVERNMENT OWNED RAILROAD AND IS STANDARD GAUGE 1,435 MM (4 FT. 8 1/2 IN.). KNR OWNS 336 STANDARD GAUGE DIESEL OCOMOTIVES, 287 OF GMC MANUFACTURE AND 49 FROM AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE (ALCO). MAJORITY OF PRESENT KNR EQUIPMENT IS U.S. MANUFACTURED AND, BASICALLY, KNR USES SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS ADOPTED BY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS IN 1965 (AAR), I.E., MANUAL OF STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES (REGARDING MATERIALS AND TESTING), AND MANUAL OF STANDARDS AND ECOMMENDED PRACTICES (REGARDING PARTS AND COMPONENTS, DESIGN DATA AND INSPECTION). ROKG SENT A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO WASHINGTON ON UNCLASSIFIED

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FEBRUARY 22, 1975 TO CONCLUDE \$102 MILLION IBRD LOAN. TEAM HEADED BY LEE, DONG HWA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF KNR ALSO INCLUDES LEE, YONG SHIK, PLANNING COORDIATOR (NUMBER 3 MAN IN KNR), BANG, SUK KI, CHIEF, IOVERSEAS COOPERATION DIVISION, KNR, AND SUH, IN SOO, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. POST IS POUCHING TO EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION, USDOC, A TRACK DIAGRAM PROVIDED BY KNR WHICH GIVES

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